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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 7 March 1952

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - February 1952

✓ 1. A staff study on the indexing of Soviet orbit foreign-language material available in the Washington area was prepared at the request of the Assistant Director for Research and Reports. This memorandum was forwarded to the Assistant Director for Operations on 6 February 1952.

2. A number of Division position reclassifications are in the process of review by the Personnel Office.

✓ 3. A request for a T/O increase to meet the additional translation load for 1952 was submitted to the Assistant Director for Operations. The estimated increase is 70,000 pages over 1951.

✓ 4. The proposed NSCID for FDD was redrafted by OIC and OO and submitted to ORR, OSI and OCD for concurrence preparatory to submittal to the IAC agencies.

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5. A ceiling of [] against the T/O allowance of [] was imposed in the Division. A memorandum concerning the effects of this limitation on FDD operations was prepared for the Assistant Director for Operations.

✓ 6. Lt. Col. Verner Aurell, acting director of ASPIC, representing G-2 on the subject of captured Korean documents, conferred with Chief, FDD, on plans for screening captured documents. It was proposed that an ad hoc IAC panel be formed to work out ways and means of exploiting captured documents without waiting for the establishment of ASDIC. By informal concurrence of Department of State and the AEC, Chief, FDD, will represent those agencies on the ad hoc panel.

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7. One FDD member is attending the ID Strategic Intelligence School [] and another is attending the Naval Intelligence School []

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8. Chinese Communist Government Administration Council appointment lists [] are being republished by FDD with the Chinese characters. The FDD reports give the cable source and reference to the [] Report in which the list appeared.

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10. Soviet documentary films and newsreels were interpreted for Geographic Division, ORR.

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Translators for Persian, French [] were loaned for a special project to [] Special Assistant to the Director.

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11. Systematic exploitation of the Albanian press was started, employing the indexing of information under certain categories preparatory to reporting, rather than exploitation for immediate dissemination.

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Fragments of Mongolian newspapers were received through

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13. G-2 Document Library screening produced important publications, and a collection of captured Korean photographs discovered in this screening will be transferred direct from G-2 Document Library to Graphics Register, OCD.

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14. On suggestion of [] will assist in procurement of Chinese Communist periodicals. A list of such periodicals desired has been furnished them for [] use.

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Cooperation of the External Research Staff, OIR, Department of State, was promised for obtaining loan or microfilm copies of Chinese Communist periodicals []

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15. Mr. Floyd E. Masten, State Department Publication and Map Procurement Officer for Germany, was briefed at FDD on the Division's requirements. Mr. Masten evinced interest in aiding FDD.

16. Operational liaison was active as follows:

[] Medical Division, OSI, for information to meet an NSC requirement.

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Air Targets Division, USAF, to appraise Korean power and telecommunications charts.

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[] consultant for military affairs in Eastern Europe, G-2, Army, to arrange working level liaison, FDD/Eurasian Branch, G-2.

✓ OIR, State, political and economic analysts, to survey FDD capabilities preparatory to submitting requirements.

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[] DD(P), to brief FDD members [] requirements.

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[] OCD, to survey DEX operation. To refer all IBM requirements on translation to FDD DEX file for supplementary information.

Other personnel of CIA offices to discuss specific and general support of various projects.

An FDD representative, with [] visited the Reproduction Division Facilities in Alexandria, leading to better understanding of mutual problems.

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17. Evaluations and commendations:

Phoned appreciation from Geographic Division, ORR, for rapid work in Persian.

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Phoned appreciation from OSO for Balkan reports from []

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Phoned thanks from [] for special work of two linguists.

Phoned thanks of [] Division of Research on the Soviet orbit for FDD help to their special project for collation on iron and steel production in Poland.

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Evaluation A-1 from Geophysics Branch, OSI, on FDD Summary No. 51, "The Hydrometeorological Service of the USSR," stating: "This compilation represents and excellent piece of work."

COMMO commendation for translation [] of radio operating instructions.

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18. Building and equipment:

Installation of the secure intercom system was completed and its operation is most satisfactory.

The Intelligence Card Catalogue file was turned over to OCD, and a duplicate file of FDD reports was eliminated in the continuing drive to clear safe space.

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19. Noteworthy reports produced:

25X1A Climates of the USSR, Translation No. 317
Survey of Development of Wire Broadcasting in the USSR,
[redacted]
25X1A Press Reveals Chinese Communist Security Breach; Says
150,000 Korean War Casualties in Central China,
[redacted]
25X1A Chinese Communist Newspapers Reveal No Coverage of
Air Battles, [redacted]
25X1A Aspects of Soviet Participation in Rumanian Economy, 25X1A
[redacted]
25X1A Reorganization of the Yugoslav Financial System, [redacted]
Defines Constant-Flow Method of Soviet Production,
[redacted]
Development of the Soviet Textile-Machine-Building
Industry, [redacted] 25X1A

20. Document Exploitation File references prevented 79 duplications. The DEX replied to 78 inquiries from 20 IAC offices regarding 428 items. Four subject runs revealed 358 reports pertinent to the requirements involved.

21. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions

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Statistical Report on FDD Operations
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